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Docket No.: 50212-207

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of :  
Toshiki TARU, et al. :  
Serial No.: 09/830,939 : Group Art Unit: 3743  
Filed: May 03, 2001 : Examiner: J. Derrington  
For: OPTICAL FIBER DRAWING METHOD AND OPTICAL FIBER DRAWING FURNACE

**AMENDMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

The following Amendment and Remarks are submitted to response to the Office  
Action dated October 7, 2002. In the claims, please amend Claim 7 as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claim 7 as follows.

7. (Twice Amended) An optical fiber drawing furnace comprising a furnace core tube through which a fiber perform penetrates vertically, a heater disposed around said furnace core tube, and a perform container connected to an upper portion of said furnace core tube so as to be integral with said furnace core tube to form a semi-closed space opening in part at a lower end, for housing said fiber perform inside,  
said fiber drawing furnace further comprising:

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